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Building Code Requirements Swimming Pools 1996 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code 1996 BOCA National Building Code

The following requirements apply to this permit and compliance with them is a condition of this permit. Failure to comply with these regulations will invalidate this permit and constitute a building code violation.

Conditions:

1. Permits for pools must be posted on each job site. (USBC 110.3)
2. A pool location inspection required, after hole is dug or pool pad is prepared, prior to placement of concrete or pool structure. (USBC 114) This applies to above ground pools as well as in ground pools.
3. Pools required to be grounded by NEC (NFPA 70), Article 680, must receive a grounding/bonding inspection prior to concealment of such connections.
4. **Pool fences/enclosures must be installed, inspected and maintained, prior to placement of more than 24 inches of water in any pool. Such enclosures must comply with code. Temporary fencing may be used if it complies with the requirements of the code. (BOCA 421.1 / 421.10)**
5. A final inspection of all permits associated with the swimming pool must be performed and approved before the swimming pool may be used. (USBC 114.4)

Swimming pools, when properly installed and used are wonderful enhancements to any property. However the nature of pools is such that improper wiring and fencing (enclosures) presents life safety hazards. The Winchester Inspections Department is committed to public safety, and all inspections are performed with this in mind. It is the responsibility of pool owners and contractors to familiarize themselves with the building code requirements for swimming pools. Pool owners and contractors who have questions concerning the building code should contact the Inspections Department at 667-1815.